

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 10-11, 14, 19-20, and 23, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaw (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,673) in view of Shah et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,121). Claims 1-2, 10-11, and 19-24, are canceled herein.

The Specification stands objected to because claim 19 is directed toward a computer program product embodied in a computer readable medium. Claims 19-24 are canceled herein, there curing this objection.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, and 15, stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 is amended herein to include the elements of claims 1, 2, and original claim 3. Claim 5 is amended herein to depend from claim 4, as amended herein. Claim 12 is amended herein to include the elements of claims 10, 11, and original claim 12. Claim 14 is amended herein to depend from claim 13, as amended herein.

Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 12, and 14, herein. Applicants have further cancelled claims 1-2, 10-11, and 19-24, from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that claims 1-2, 10-11, and 19-24, are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims 1-2, 10-11, and 19-24, and other claims, in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

No new matter has been entered. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application,

as amended, is respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all of the outstanding objections and/or rejections of the claims, Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance, and an allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them, or credit an overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 170055.

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